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SUBJ: IMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS WE ASKED DE KOCK, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF SA RESERVE BANK, ABOUT PRESS SPECULATION TO EFFECT THAT NEW AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY SEEK TO RENEW OLD SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND CONSTITUENCY IN BANK AND FUND, AGAIN GIVING SA AN ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP ON IMF BOARD.

2. DE KOCK SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO APPROACH FROM AUSTRALIA BUT THAT SUCH A STEP IS LOGICAL. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHITIAM

HAD ACTED ON HIS OWN, AGAINST ADVICE OF AUSTRALIAN TREASURY AND CENTRAL BANK, IN EXCLUDING SA FROM FORMER CONSTITUENCY. WITH NEW GOVERNMENTS IN CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON AND WITH AUSTRALIA'S SEAT AT RISK AT SEPTEMBER, 1976 IMF

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MEETING IN MANILA AS A RESULT OF ARABS NEW VOTING STRENGTH,

DE KOCK WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO RECEIVE OVERTURES FROM
AUSTRALIANS. IF ARABS GET SEAT AS EXPECTED AUSTRALIANS ARE
AMONG MOST LOGICAL LOSERS IN GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS UNLESS
THEY FIND NEW ALLY WITH SIGNIFICANT QUOTA.
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